

Michael had just turned two years old when he entered the UTM Infant Stimulation Program. His mother Amy, who is a special education teacher was becoming concerned about Michael's speech. Although he was developing in other areas, Michael was not talking. When Michael entered UTM's Infant Stimulation Program he was crying for everything he wanted. After a couple of months in the program Michael started to point and use sign language to express his wants & needs. With the help of an Early Interventionist working with the parents, Michael was soon expressing himself with a few words instead of crying or pointing. When Michael turned three in October of this year and aged out of the Infant Stimulation Program, he was using simple sentences to express himself. Michael's parents are both grateful and pleased with the progress Michael has made in a year. With the help of the Lions Club WPSD Local 6 Telethon of Stars, Infant Stimulation can continue to provide to families like Michael's in Northwest Tennessee.